

Ted M. Dunagan Speaks at HCL

Award-winning author Ted M. Dunagan spoke at Houston Cole Library on October 13, 2011. Dunagan was invited by the Friends of Houston Cole to speak at the organization’s Fall event. He has appeared previously at Jacksonville State University as part of the On the Brink conference of emerging writers of the South.

Dr. Hardy Jackson, Eminent Scholar in History at JSU, introduced Dunagan, telling tales of their friendship which began when they were boys in rural Alabama. Both Jackson and Dunagan entertained the audience with boyhood stories, including those of acting out the books they were reading. By the age of twelve, Dunagan knew he wanted to write books like those that filled his boyhood. Although life sent Dunagan to the military then to a career in the cosmetics/fragrance industry, he has now achieved his goal of writing. In addition to his novels, Dunagan writes features and columns for *The Monticello News* in Monticello, Georgia, where he lives with his wife.

Dunagan shared his journey of becoming an author – from learning “how to be a writer” to “how to publish a book.” He also spoke about his first three books, in a series of eventually five, which trace the friendship between twelve-year-old Ted Dillon, his fictional self, and Poudlum, a fictional black youngster based on Dunagan’s real-life friend.

The titles in sequence are: *A Yellow Watermelon*, *Secret of the Satilfa*, and *Trouble on the Tombigbee* (released this past August). The first two books have won numerous awards, including Georgia Author of the Year in the Young Adult category in 2009 and 2011. Preachers, bootleggers, bank robbers, and questionable lawyers populate his suspenseful plots. The issue of civil rights for blacks appears as a recurrent theme as Ted and Poudlum integrate the cotton fields and face the prejudices of the local drug store owner. Those new to the South, or those who grew up here in more modern times, will be mesmerized by Dunagan’s meticulous descriptions of cane syrup making, hog butchering, church gatherings, and the nitty-gritty existence of everyday life in 1948 South Alabama. Dunagan has completed the fourth book in the series and expects it to be published in late 2012.



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Batchelor named Employee of the Month



Kaye Batchelor (third from the right) with her family at her Employee of the Month reception

Kaye Batchelor was named the JSU August Employee of the Month. Ms. Batchelor has been employed at the Library since 1991, beginning her tenure in the Circulation Department and then moving to the Cataloging Unit in her current position of Technical Services Assistant. She catalogs and processes new books, does authority work, prepares items for the bindery, and assists with mending projects. Her gentle and friendly demeanor is a soothing, calming influence throughout the Library.

Ms. Batchelor was honored at a reception on September 19th at the JSU Alumni House where she was surrounded by family, friends, and colleagues.

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Kaye Batchelor



Library sees record number of instruction sessions



With the number of incoming freshmen at all time high of 1,414, it comes as no surprise that the Library should see record numbers of instruction sessions. The total count of classes for September topped out at 68, up 3 sessions from this time last year. 2009 brought only 47 sessions, and in 2008, a mere 39.

The Library offers instruction to all individual patrons, classes, or groups upon request. These instruction sessions are taught by Library faculty—Subject Specialists who will introduce students and others to effective research strategies and the information sources needed for the most effective use of the Library. Instruction sessions can be basic introductory sessions, or tailored to particular courses, topics or fields of study. Instruction sessions include, but are not limited to, coverage of the databases to which the Library subscribes, the Library's catalog, Library website resources, subject-specific print indexes and abstracting services, major bibliographies and reference tools, and more.

Houston Cole Library has eight Public Service librarians who are dedicated to providing fun and exciting instruction for your classes. To make an appointment, call or email Ms. Hanrong Wang, Acting Head of Public Services, at hwang@jsu.edu or call 256.782.5250.

Photos: Subject Specialists Harry Nuttall (top) and Carley Knight (bottom) conduct library instruction sessions



Library Late Nights, 4-8 December

If you enjoyed staying up late to study for exams last year, you're in luck. The Houston Cole Library is pleased to announce that it will continue its late night hours. From Sunday, December 4th to Thursday, December 8th the library will be open from 7:30am until 1:00am, providing a calm and comfortable place to study. Library services, including circulation and reference hours will be available until 11pm.

Brown Bag Lunch Program

The Library Instruction Committee, headed by Charlcie Pettway Vann, has recently sponsored some exciting Brown Bag Lunch presentations by Dr. Sandra Dalton-Smith, M.D. and author, on 14 September 2011 and Robert McClain, author and pastor of Living by Faith Church, on 6 October 2011.

For more information and how you can get involved, please contact Charlcie Pettway Vann at ext. 8434.

NEW E-RESOURCES

The Library has recently added some impressive new electronic resources to its collection. The Library now provides access to the Springer E-book Biomedical & Life Sciences, Business & Economics, and Behavioral Sciences collections, resulting in 700 new e-book titles in these subject areas. These new titles can all be found in the Library's catalog, or they can also be accessed through the Library's website.

The Library has also recently acquired Films on Demand. This streaming video platform provides access to over 7,000 digital educational videos, and allows for integration directly into BlackBoard courses, personalized playlists, and more. These titles can also be found through the Library's catalog and website.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

The Library is now better equipped to help patrons with assistive technology needs. ZoomText Version 9.1, which can magnify and read computer screens, thus assisting with access to Library resources, is now available at the Listening Lab on the sixth floor of the Library. Ms. Charlcie Pettway Vann, Psychology & General Sciences Librarian, was able to provide the Library with this technology through contact with Technology Assistance for Special Consumers (TASC), a program of United Cerebral Palsy of Huntsville and Tennessee Valley. Financial support for this software was obtained through the Project ACT (Accessible Computer Training) grant. This federal grant money is distributed within the state according to the guidelines of the Statewide Technology Access and Response (STAR) Act, which is designed to provide access to assistive technologies for Alabamians with disabilities.

The HCL faculty and staff are available to provide assistance with all Library research and equipment. Patrons needing assistance with this newly added assistive technology are encouraged to call or make an appointment at the Circulation Desk at 256.782.5758.

Publications and Presentations...

The faculty at Houston Cole Library have had a fruitful few months of publishing and presenting. Here are a few of their most recent accomplishments ...

- ❖ Hanrong Wang, Yingqi Tang, and Carley Suther Knight (2011). "Contemporary Development of Academic Reference Librarianship in the United States: A 44-Year Content Analysis." *Reference Research Review* 2010.
- ❖ Carley Suther Knight (2011). "Review of Mississippi Digital Library." *Reference Reviews* (25:4): 63-64.
- ❖ Jodi Poe (2011). "Review of Tax Statistics." *Choice* (48:10): 1338.
- ❖ Yingqi Tang and Robert Ballard (2011). "Distance Education: The Impact of Technology on Higher Education and the Duties of Librarians and Information Officers." In the Second International Conference on Society and Information Technologies, edited by Nagib Callaos, et al., 27-30, Florida: International Institute of Informatics and Systemic.
- ❖ Doug Taylor (2011). "Mergent Online and Orbis: A Comparative Examination of Two Business Resources." *Reference Reviews* (25:5): 4-7.
- ❖ Bethany Latham and Kimberly Weatherford Stevens (2011). "Managing the Digital Collection." chapter in *Government Information Management in the 21st Century*, London: Ashgate: 79-94.

Provost's Corner

Dr. Rebecca Turner, Provost & Vice-President of Academic and Student Affairs, has placed several items of interest on reserve. These items include:

- ❖ *Academic's Handbook* by A. Leigh DeNeef
- ❖ *Competing Conceptions of Academic Governance* by William G. Tierney
- ❖ *Developing a Comprehensive Faculty Evaluation System: A Guide to Designing, Building, and Operating Large-Scale Faculty Evaluation Systems* by Raoul Arreola Ivey and Industry: *Business and the Making of the American University, 1880-1980* by Christopher Newfield
- ❖ *Presidential Transition in Higher Education: Managing Leadership Change* by James Martin
- ❖ *Redesigning Collegiate Leadership: Teams and Teamwork in Higher Education* by Estela Mara Bensimon and Anna Neumann
- ❖ *Teaching without Tenure: Policies and Practices for a New Era* by Roger G. Baldwin and Jay L. Chronister
- ❖ *Departments That Work: Building and Sustaining Cultures of Excellence in Academic Programs* by Jon F. Wergin
- ❖ *Educating for Democracy: Preparing Undergraduates for Responsible Political Engagement* by Anne Colby
- ❖ *Faculty Misconduct in Collegiate Teaching* by John M. Braxton and Alan E. Bayer
- ❖ *Leadership as Service: A New Model for Higher Education in a New Century* by Kent A. Farnsworth
- ❖ *Top 100 Women of the Bible: Who They Are and What They Mean to You Today* by Pamela McQuade.
- ❖ *Women and the Leadership Q: The Breakthrough System for Achieving Power and Influence* by Shoya Zichy.

These items and more can be found through the Library's reserve system. From the Library's home page, click on the "Course Reserves" link in the left-hand navigation and then select Dr. Turner from the drop-down list of instructors. Some of the reserve items are available electronically through the Library's catalog. Those that are not can be accessed through the Reserves Desk located in the lobby of the Library.